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Baccalaureate Sermon, Auburn Academy

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Seniors of 1936, Faculty and students of auburn academy, Parents and Friends
There comes a time in the history of every project when it must be launched
In 1927 Lindbergh.

Colorado race boat at Olongapo

It is with these thots. "The hour is striking and striking at you." Eze 7;6
Your motto, "Out of the peaceful harbor into the billowy sea."
You have been trained now is time to cast off.

Our Text. Luke 5:4 "Launch out into the deep and letndown your nets."

You have by your motto postulated yourselves to be ships leaving the
First prerequisiye Stout hull and strong rigging

Second Wise and competent mariner on quarterdeck and bridge

Third a willing and seagoing crew.

"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God that your
whole spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of
our Lord Jssus Christ." 1Thess.5:23

Our body the hull of the ship.

Our soul, our mind and body, the crew working the ship.

Our spirit, the commander on the quarter deck whose orders rule the others.

"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present
your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your
reasonable service." Rom.12:1

Ship yards in Wilmington

Hull contains both Captain, crew and cargo!

"What! know ye not that by your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which
is in you, and ye are not y ur own? For ye are bought with a price, There-
fore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are Christs."
I Cor.6:19

The first deflection Bodily desire.

Success proportional as to sovereignty over body.

Watch the crew of any trim ship.

You here in auburn. "Know thyself" Socrates. "Keep under my body and
bring it into subjection." Paul

Ship shunned by sailors when it does not obey helm.

Cleveland in Honolulu in winter of 1911

California and the fleet in 1912

Make your mind master of your body.

Seed thoughts "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31

Every bodily act.

"God is the owner of the whole man. Soul, body, spirit are his. God gave his only begotten son for the body as well as for the soul, and our entire life belongs to God, to be consecrated to His service, that thru the exercise of every faculty He has given, we may glorify Him." Y.I. Sept. 7-93

"The transgression of the physical law is a transgression of God's law. Our Creator is Jesus Christ. He is the author of our being. And the human being who is careless and reckless of the habits and practices that concern his physical life, sins against God. It is just as much a sin to violate the laws of our being as to break one of the ten commandments, for we cannot do either without breaking God's law. Any course of action in eating, drinking, or dressing that is unhealthful injures the fine works of the human machinery and interferes with God's order."
U.T. May 19-1897

However many a fine ship has been ruined by a slovenly crew and that brings us to part two The mind of our self ship.

"With the mind I myself serve the law of God." Rom. 7:25

Twelve years of mind culture. Stop thinking and stagnate.

Elder Lukens.

Honey comb cells. Foul brood.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8

"Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."
Prov. 4:23

The cargo in the hull depends on the selection our mind is able to make.

Think as you have been taught to think here. Remember Prof - - - -

Always remember too that, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Jer. 17:9 "And who can know it?" and that brings us

to the third phase of our selfship, the quarterdeck and the bridge

The captain's province. "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins." v. 10

From the bridge issue forth the commands which direct the hull and subdue the crew.

Wreck on the Boston in 1906

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Prov. 3:6

Christ Our Pilot.

In spite of weak hull and mutinous crew. Paul Jones

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Isa.26:3

"Rejoice not against me O mine enemy:when I fall I shall arise;when I sit in darkness,the Lord shall be a light unto me."Micah.7:8

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities,but was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin."Heb.4:15

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man:but God is faithful,who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able;but will with the temptation also make a way of escape,that ye may be able to bear it." I Cor. 10:13

He can direct us to the richest cargoes.

"The silver is mine and the gold is mine."Hag.2:8

"The cattle on a thousand hills." Ps.50:10

"The fine flour,and oil,and honey, and jewels and fine garments,Eze.16:17

His chart is flawless.

"If God's word were studied as it should be,men would have a breadth of mind,a nobility of character,and a stability of purpose that is rarely seen these days." Ed.119

No storms can master

"The reason why the youth,and even those of mature age,are so easily led into sin and temptation,is that they do not study the word of God and meditate upon it. The truths of the Bible received will uplift the mind and soul. If the word of God were appreciated as it should be both young and old would possess an inward rectitude,a strength of principle,that would enable them to resist temptation." Min.458

When we do get off course and are adrift in unknown seas

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy Word."Ps.119:9

Now we have our complete ship,Captain,Crew,and Hull.

No yacht must have cargo. Purser declares manifest.

"Every man's work shall be manifest: for the day shall declare it,because it shall be revealed by fire;and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon,he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned,he shall suffer loss."ICor.3:13-15

Launch out into the deep and let down your nets.

The master pilot of the class of 1936 desires but one cargo.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament,and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever."Dan.12:3

"Thou wicked and slothful servant,thou knewest that I reap where I have sowed not,and gather where I have not strawed;Thou oughtest therefore, to have put my money to the exchangers,and then at my coming I should

have received mine own with usury."Matt.25:26,27 "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance."Luke 15:7

You mau have your ship loaded down---revenue cutters shall stop you.

"And while they went to buy the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. but He answered and said, verily I say unto you I know you not."Matt.25:10,11

Wealth and fine raiment. No mooring ground.

"I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."
Rev.3:17

But you may be poor and battered but a hold full of souls saved.

"Then shall the king say unto them on His right hand, Come ye blessed of my father, Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."matt.25:34

Sail on, but let down your nets. -MY POEM*****

"No one will enter heaven who is not a laborer with Him."R.H.Febr.12,95

"God requires personal service at the hands of every one to whom he has entrusted His truth." True Missionary Febr.1874

Your aim is Christ Our Pilot. listen to these words which He has dictated. "Christ saw the travail of His soul and was satisfied. He viewed the expanse of eternity and saw the happiness of those who thru his humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions and he was bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon him and with his stripes they were healed. He heard the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb. Although the baptism of blood was first to be received, although the sins of the world were yet to weigh upon His innocent soul, although the shadow of an unspeakable war was upon Him, yet for the joy that was set before Him he chose to endure the cross and despise the shame. This joy all his followers are to share... They will enter into the joy of their Lord, when they see in His kingdom those who have been redeemed thru their instrumentality."Min.506

And after we have discharged our cargo and have been inspected by the Port Master what anchorage will be assigned us? What precedence will our flag take over the flags of the other worlds?

"Higher than the highest human that can reach is God's ideal for His children."Ed.18

"The vacancies made in heaven by the fall of Lucifer and His angels will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord." Watchman Nov.7 1905

"To human beings striving for conformity to the divine image is imparted an outlay of heaven's treasure, an excellency of power, that will place them higher than even the angels who have never fallen."

"Him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." Rev.3:21

So my honored friends of the graduating class of 1936 I am indeed happy today to bid you godspeed on your life cruise, out of the peaceful harbor into the billowy sea. May Christ indeed be you your pilot. And may the letting down of you nets be even such as is recorded in the sacred chronicle of the masters miracle. behind you lie most helpful lessons learned and before you life the boundless resources of eternity. to you this morning I dedicate these verses.

What is my task?

What can I do?

My strength is weak, my talents few.

Give me O Christ thine eyes of love,

Thy vision lightened from above.

Give me thy wealth that I may give.

Give me thy life that I may live

Not for myself, but even as thou gave all for others, let me now

Hunt for the sick, the poor, the blind; bind up their wounds,

Bind up their wounds, sooth each worn mind.

As thine ambassador let me go in answer to each cry of woe.

Thy healing balm O let me give,

Wherever suffering man may love.

With living waters let me lave,

And snatch from Satan's yawning grave,

Each soul Thy blood was shed to save.

Be this my task. W.H.B.